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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

Dwyer et al.

Examiner

Melissa J. Koval

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21,23-29,31-46 and 48-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13,15,17,18,28,38,41,44,45,52,53,55 and 56 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6,9-12,14,16,19-21,23,27-29,31-37,39,40,42,43,49-51,54 and 57-74 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 February 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 19 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-6, 9-12, 14, 16, 19-21, 23, 27-29, 31-37, 39, 40, 42-43, 46, 49-51, 54 and 57-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallace et al. U.S. Patent 6,070,247.

Claim 1 sets forth: "A multimedia display device comprising:
a docking station including speakers and a media drive (Cart 56 houses all elements of conferencing system 10 including docking station 14 and projector 28 has at least one speaker. In this device the docking station is further docked.);
wherein said docking station is configured to selectively and releasably couple a projector to said docking station; and wherein said docking station includes a dedicated

indicator that indicates when said projector is successfully coupled to said docking station."

The various embodiments of conferencing system 10 are designed to couple together such that the user is visually aware if the devices are not properly coupled and operational by electrical connection devices. See the teaching in columns 3, 4 and 6, for example.

Essentially the device of claims 1-6, 9-12, 14, 16, 19- 21, 23, 27-29, 31-37, 39, 40, 42-43, 46, 49-51, 54 and 57-74 are met by Wallace et al. '247. A variety of modifications are discussed in columns 7 and 8.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to slightly modify the system of Wallace et al. to meet any of the claims set forth above in view of Wallace's teaching. Motivation for one having ordinary skill in the art to do so is set forth in the teaching as pointed out above and furthermore in the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION and SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION of '247.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 8, and 24 through 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record does not show each and every limitation of claim 7 in combination and particularly "an infrared (I/R) sensor configured to receive control commands from a remote control."

Claim 8 depends from claim 7.

Claim 24 would be allowable for the same reasons.

Claims 25 and 26 depend from claim 24 or an intervening claim.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Juenger U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2005/0083247 A1 teaches a system and method for DVI Native and docking support.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melissa J. Koval whose telephone number is (571) 272-2121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diane Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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